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[By the CHAIR,]

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 7, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit, for your consideration, a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate "of funds required to meet our treaty obligations to the Indian Nations, for the period ending June 30th, 1865."

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY OF WAR.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
War Department,
Richmond, December 7, 1864.

To the President of the Confederate States:

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith an estimate, prepared by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, of funds required to meet our treaty obligations to the Indian Nations, for the period ending June 30th, 1865.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

***ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATIONS** required to comply with Treaty Stipulations entered into between the Confederate States and certain Indians Tribes :*

CREEK TREATY, JULY 10TH, 1861.

For perpetual annuities from July 1, 1864, to June 30, 1865, under article 41, to be paid to the treasurers of the nation,	$24,500 00
For interest from July 1, 1864, to June 30, 1865, under article 41, on the sum of $200,000 in the treasury of the United States, and which should have been invested for educational purposes, to be paid to the treasurers of the nation,	10,000 00
For annual provision for education from July 1, 1864, to June 30, 1865, under article 41, to be paid to the treasurers of the nation,	1,000 00
For annual provision, under article 41, for wagon makers, blacksmiths, shops, iron, steel and agricultural purposes, from July 1, 1864, to June 30, 1865, to be paid to the treasurers of the nation,	5,420 00
	$40,920 00

CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW TREATY, JULY 12TH, 1861.

For permanent annuities for the Choctaws and other amounts, payments and allowances, from July 1, 1864, to June 30, 1865, under article 53, to be paid to the treasurer of the nation,	$10,520 00
For interest from July 1, 1864, to June 30, 1865, on the sum of $500,000, under article 53, held in trust for the Choctaws, under treaty of June 22, 1855, to be paid to the treasurer of the nation,	25,000 00
For permanent annuity, under article 56, payable to the Chickasaws, and interest on the investments and funds of the Chickasaws in the treasury of the United States, from July 1, 1864, to June 30, 1865, to be paid to the treasurer of the nation,	25,606 89
	$61,126 89

CHEROKEE TREATY, OCTOBER 7TH, 1861.

For interest from July 1, 1864, to June 30, 1865, under article 45, on $5,000 of the Cherokee orphan fund uninvested by the United States, and on stocks amounting to $10,561.39 of the United States and States not of this Confederacy, forming parts of Cherokee national and school funds, to be paid to the treasurer of the nation,	$893 68

Osage Treaty, October 2d, 1861.

For annual purchase of clothing and other articles to be distributed to the Osages, during the year 1865, under article 39, $10,000 00

Reserve Indian Treaty, August 12th, 1861.

For rations of provisions to be furnished the Wichitas and other reserve Indians, under contract from December 1, 1864, to June 30, 1865, $75,000 00

To meet the incidental expenses of the public service within the Indian tribes, from December 31, 1864, to June 30, 1865, $75,000 00

Recapitulation.

On account of the Creeks,	$40,920 00
On account of the Choctaws and Chickasaws,	61,126 89
On account of the Cherokees,	893 68
On account of the Osages,	10,000 00
On account of the Reserve Indians,	75,000 00
On account of the contingencies,	75,000 00
	$262,940 57

Confederate States of America, War Department,
Office of Indian Affairs,
Richmond, Va., December 5, 1864.

Hon. James A. Seddon, *Secretary of War:*

Sir: I have been unable to submit these papers at an earlier day, as I have but recently returned to Richmond from the Indian country.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. S. SCOTT,
Commissioner, &c.

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